

The VVFC News Alert  
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## Vaccine Information Statements



As required under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act, all providers must provide a copy to keep of the relevant current edition vaccine information statement (VIS) produced by the CDC to the parent or guardian to read in their native language prior to the administration of each dose of vaccine. The publication date of the VIS given must

be recorded in the patient's permanent medical record. Current VIS in all languages can be obtained at [www.immunize.org](http://www.immunize.org) or by contacting the VVFC office.

## Project Immunize Virginia

Volunteers Wanted: Project Immunize Virginia (PIV) has been awarded a two-year grant to study the effectiveness of a client-participatory immunization recall system for children in private practice settings. PIV is seeking six practices to test the system. The practices that agree to participate will receive a free recall system, support and training. For more information, call Clint Crews at 757-668-6430.



## 2003-2004 Influenza Vaccine

Spring signifies the closing of the Influenza season for one year, and the opening of the next. We have already received many phone calls about ordering Influenza vaccine for next year. We will be sending out the annual Influenza vaccine order form with the August 2003 BackPage to be submitted sometime before October 2003. As of March 1, 2003, VVFC is following the expanded Influenza guidelines adopted by ACIP. Enclosed in this mailing is the MMWR describing the new guidelines.



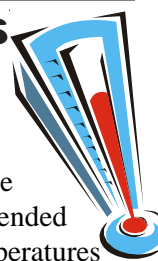
## VFC Stickers

VFC stickers for your vaccines are provided as a convenience for stock identification. Our distributor will send these stickers *based on availability* with your vaccine shipments.

Enclosed in this mailing is a copy of the new VVFC Vaccine Order Form. Please discard old order forms.

## Temperature Logs

As of May 30, 2001, VVFC required keeping daily temperature logs for any unit containing VVFC vaccine. Both the refrigerator and freezer temperature must be monitored and recorded daily. It is recommended to vary the recording time. Remember, temperatures taken in the morning will reflect colder than average temperatures because the unit has been closed all night. Included with this BackPage mailing is a temperature log chart for your practice to use if you do not have your own. **Temperature logs must be kept on file for a minimum of three years.** Monitoring vaccine temperature is a crucial step in assuring the viability of vaccine.



## ★ VVFC Awards!

### Exceptional Immunization Rates

*Fishingbay Family Practice, Deltaville  
Williamsburg Pediatric, Adolescent, & Sports  
Medicine, Williamsburg*

(Practice immunization rates exceed 90% using CASA software)

### Outstanding VVFC Compliance

*Carilion Pediatric Medicine, Roanoke  
Fan Free Clinic, Richmond  
Kmv Sankaran, M.D., Inc., Suffolk  
Lottsburg Family Practice, Lottsburg  
M.S. Stiff, M.D. Pediatrics, Hampton*



## VVFC Eligibility

Patients with **Medicaid as secondary insurance** are eligible for VVFC vaccine if their primary insurance does not cover vaccines. If their primary insurance covers vaccines or has a deductible to meet before coverage occurs, the child is **not** eligible for VVFC vaccines.

## Vaccine Trivia

Which disease can cause serious birth defects in babies born to women who are infected with it while pregnant?

- A. Measles                      C. Diphtheria  
B. Mumps                        D. Rubella

**Answer: Rubella**

When giving two IM injections in the same limb, what is the minimum spacing between the two injection sites?

**Answer: one inch**

